

The general health of the district was extremely good throughout the year with no marked epidemic or excessive mortality. There is again a small decrease in the death rate from last year and the figure for this area compares favourably with that for England and Wales. The marked increase in the Birth Rate which was noted last year has not been maintained and the Birth Rate has again fallen to the average rate of normal years.

Causes of death are classified as follows:-

	M.	F.	Total.
Tuberculosis.	1.	1.	2.
Influenza.	0.	0.	0.
Cancer.	9.	7.	16.
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions.	1.	5.	6.
Heart Disease.	9.	10.	19.
Other Dis. of Circ. System.	0.	0.	0.
Bronchitis.	0.	3.	3.
Pneumonia.	0.	0.	0.
Other Resp. Diseases.	1.	0.	1.
Diabetes.	1.	0.	1.
Diarrhoea.	0.	0.	0.
Ulcer of Stomach.	0.	0.	0.
Other Digestive Diseases.	0.	2.	2.
Nephritis.	0.	0.	0.
Congen. Debility, Premature Birth, etc.	0.	3.	3.
Road Traffic Accidents.	1.	0.	1.
Suicide.	1.	0.	1.
Other Violent Causes.	1.	0.	1.
All other causes.	0.	1.	1.
	25.	32.	57.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Inspections under the various Acts appertaining to Public Health were systemically carried out and any appropriate action taken when necessary,

Water Supply:

The water supply of the district is chiefly composed of upland waters collected and distributed from service reservoirs in different parts of the district, namely, Diglee, Foxhome, Stone Heads, Nook, Leahead and Taxal. All these service reservoirs were emptied and cleaned out during the year.

The number of premises supplied with Council's water was 1552 while 154 premises in the northern part of the district were supplied from the Stockport Corporation main which runs through the district. Thirty four houses only have a private water supply and this total is mainly composed of farms.

All houses using the Council's water have a piped supply laid on to the premises.

Bacteriological analyses were undertaken on all sources of supply and in all cases the water was found to be of good quality for drinking purposes.

Attention is drawn to the fact that a further 52 houses were supplied from the Council's mains and it was fortunate that the summer was not exceedingly dry, otherwise a serious water shortage may have been experienced.

It should also be noted that the provision of Factory and School canteen facilities, the modernising of older properties and still further building will undoubtedly put a very severe strain on your existing water supplies.

The following extensions to the Council's Water Mains were carried out during the year:-

- (1) Williamson Road, Whaley Bridge. - Existing main extended by 28 yards of 3" C.I. Water Main.
- (2) Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Existing main extended by 88 yards of 3" C.I. Water Main.

Both these extensions were necessary to cater for the Council's building programme.

Sewerage:

The sewage is conveyed through the Council's sewers to the sewage disposal works at Furness Vale, the treatment being carried out under the control of the Whaley Bridge & District Joint Sewerage Board.

No complaints have been received concerning the discharged effluent into the River Goyt. The sewers have been maintained in good condition, cleansing and rodding being carried out when necessary.

A small extension of the sewer involving the laying of 28 yards of 6" drain was necessary for building development on Williamson Road, Whaley Bridge.

Refuse Collection and Disposal:

The refuse collection service was undertaken throughout the year by direct labour, although difficulty was experienced in obtaining suitable labour for this class of work.

Factories Act.

Satisfactory conditions have been maintained at all factories and workshops in the district. Periodical inspections of premises coming within the jurisdiction of this Act have been made and satisfactory provision of means of escape in case of fire is provided.


Infectious and other Diseases.

The district was fairly free from infectious diseases. No cases of malaria or dysentery were notified and your district was free from any influenza epidemic during the year. One case of diphtheria was notified, the patient not having been immunized. Two cases of polio-myelitis were notified and both cases were removed to hospital for treatment.

From my experience the public response to Diphtheria Immunisation and Vaccination against Smallpox seems to have regrettably fallen off since the revised National Health Scheme came into operation on 5th July. If parents were to fully consider the safeguards which both immunisation and vaccination afford to children, I am sure much greater advantage would be taken of this most important free service.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

Notifiable Diseases.	Total	0	1	3	5	10	15	20	35	45	60	& Hosp. Cases.	Deaths
	all ages.	1	3	5	10	15	20	35	45	60	Over		
Smallpox.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	7.	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	1	-	6	-
Diphtheria.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Enteric Fever (including paratyphoid.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Dis. generally notifiable:-													
Erysipelas.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.	108.	3	26	20	55	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	4.	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Myelitis.	2.	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Other Dis. notifiable locally.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	123.	4	28	21	62	4	2	-	1	1	-	9	-



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Tuberculosis - New Cases & Mortality, 1948

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35.	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
35 - 45.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
65 & Over.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	2	-	-	-	1	1	-

In conclusion, I would like to tender my thanks to the Officials of the Council for the assistance so ably and willingly rendered in connection with my Public Health duties throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

FRED GARNET ALLAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

30th July, 1949.

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE
DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948

To the Chairman and Members of the Whaley Bridge
Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report on the
Sanitary conditions and a brief summary of work done during
the year ended 31st December, 1948.

Housing:

Number of houses in district - 31st December, 1947.	1688.
New Houses crected in 1948:	
By Private Enterprise.	Nil.
By Local Authority.	52.
Total Number of houses in district at 31st Dec. 1948.	<u>1740.</u>

Dairies, Cowsheds, etc.

Number of Cowkeepers on Register.	- 32.
Number of Cowkeepers holding Accredited Milk Licences -	9.
Number of Cowkeepers holding Tuberculin Tested Licences -	4.

Cowsheds throughout the year were generally maintained
in good condition and the quality of milk maintained a fairly
high level.

Closet Accommodation in the Area.

Houses with pail closet accommodation.	- 69.
Houses with privy accommodation.	- 33.
Houses with W.C. closet accommodation.	1638.

The houses with pail closet accommodation are in the
following areas:-

Canal Row, Furness Vale.	- 18 (no sewer available)
Station Road, Furness Vale.	- 7 (no sewer available)
Buxton Road, Furness Vale.	- 9 (sewer available)
Cadster.	- 14 (no sewer)
Bridge Street, Whaley Bridge.	- 2 (too low for sewer)
Stone Heads.	- 3 (no sewer available)
Fernilee.	- 14 (-do-)
Other outlying premises.	- 2 (-do-)

The houses with privy midden accommodation are thus
situated:-

Fernilee Village.	- 11 (no sewer available)
Outlying farms.	- 22 (-do-)

Sanitary Inspections.

Number of inspections made under Public Health & Housing Acts.	- 932.
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Defects or Nuisances:-

Number discovered.	- 498.
Number abated.	- 486.

Number of Notices served:-

Informal Notices.	- 278.
Statutory Notices.	- 6.
Legal Proceedings.	- Nil.

Details of inspections:-

Inspections. Nuisances abated.

Defective Closet Accommodation.	171.	57.
Defective Ashbins or Ashpits.	97.	68.
Drainage Defects.	176.	121.
Defective Roofs, Gutters, etc.	58.	32.
Defective Sinks.	31.	16.
Defective Windows.	37.	21.
Dampness in Dwellings.	43.	39.
Other Miscellaneous Housing Defects.	29.	6.
Offensive Accumulations.	18.	10.
Urinals.	63.	7.
Water in cellars.	9.	1.
Foul condition of houses.	14.	2.
Animals improperly kept.	9.	2.
Water Supply.	95.	72.
Dairies, Cowsheds, etc.	121.	12.
Bakehouses.	13.	-
Other Inspections.	92.	52.

Houses Disinfected.

After Diphtheria.	-	1.
After Scarlet Fever.	-	7.
After Other Diseases.	-	14.

Food Inspections.

During the year the following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Condensed Milk.	27 tins.	Cheese.	16 lbs. 2oz.
Unsweetened Milk.	16 tins.	Sugar.	6 lbs.
Carrots.	100 tins.	Flour.	144 lbs.
Spinach.	30 tins.	Salmon.	1 tin.
Beans.	13 tins.	Stewed Steak.	2 tins.
Mince meat.	5 tins.	Prem.	1 tin.
Potted Meat.	1 tin.	Orange Juice.	3 tins.
Corned Mutton.	1 tin.	Grapefruit.	5 tins.
Marmalade.	5 tins.	Bacon.	7 lbs.
Veg. Soup.	5 tins.	Meat Lunch.	1 tin.
Tomatoes.	6 tins.	Spaghetti.	1 tin.
Fruit Cocktail.	1 tin.	Celery.	1 tin.
Plums.	6 tins.	Apricots.	2 tins.
Pilchards.	1 tin.	Sardines.	2 tins.

Salvage.

The amounts of salvaged materials collected and sold during the year were as follows:-

	Tons.	Cwts.	lbs.	Value.		
				£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper.	25.	6.	28.	101.	5.	0.
Scrap Metal.	1.	5.	0.	4.	17.	6.
Rags, etc.	1.	2.	78.	10.	12.	9.
Bottles (520)		4.	72.	2.	3.	4.
	27.	18.	66.	118.	18.	7.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. McLANE,

Sanitary Inspector.

30th July, 1949.

